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TOPIC	Finow Airfield		
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20 October. There was no air activity.

21 October. At 1300, there was no air activity. The following aircraft were seen being parked at the ~~front of the airfield~~ at the Finow-Biesenthal road: The alert flight of 4 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, side-by-side and facing toward the west on the auxiliary runway north of the junction of the two runways; about 15 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s close together west of the flight control station at the northern edge of the landing field; next to the latter, about 24 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s in a row including 16 of a silvery appearance and 8 which looked gray and were apparently covered by tarpaulins; an undetermined number of MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s were parked closely together further to the west. At 1645, one MiG-15 or U-MiG-15 was seen over Eberswalde.

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2. A model AA 4 MK 3 radar set was seen in the southern angle formed by the runway junction. A Fishnet-type radar set was seen about 100 meters to the east. The mast without bracings and about 8 meters high was still seen in the eastern extension of the main runway. There was no change in the status of the Token-type radar set near Sommerfelde. At about 1000 on 21 October, the set was not in motion. 2

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5. Three aircraft revetments were under construction in the angle formed by the runway and taxiway just south of the eastern hangar in the northeastern corner of the field. A truck was parked in one of the revetment. This one had higher earth walls than the others apparently was completed. The revetment was so deep that the driver's cab of the truck could not be seen. Only the front part of the motor was seen.

6. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 18 and 23 October:

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18 October. Between 0800 and 1500, MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s made local flights and flights in formations of four. About 15 take-offs were seen.

19 October. Between 0800 and 1500, there was individual and formation flying by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. Fifteen to 20 take-offs were seen.

20 to 23 October. Between 0800 and 1500, there was no air activity by MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s. One Li-2, one high-wing monoplane and one Po-2 were seen taking off and landing. <sup>1</sup>

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\_\_\_\_\_ during the firing practices \_\_\_\_\_ a Soviet officer was seen sitting in a device which looked like a cockpit which was glazed in front and to the sides and fired at small model aircraft which were fitted on wires. During the firing, the cockpit moved up and down like an elevator. It was believed that the previously heard detonations came from this hangar. About 20 detonations were heard that day. <sup>3</sup>

8. Captain Pavlov (phonetic spelling) (fnu) was in charge of construction work under way in the restricted area at Post Strasse in Finow and of matters pertaining to material required. Pavlov was also in charge of the allotment of coal officers and EM quarters. It was believed that he was supply officer. He lived with his wife at No 47 on Pappel Allee. Between 19 and 21 October, about 30 soldiers wearing service caps and carrying suitcases were seen daily. It was believed that these soldiers were to return to the USSR. It is possible that only part of the soldiers scheduled for return from Finow airfield were seen. Trucks \_\_\_\_\_ were seen in the EM kitchen. Five 20-liter food containers were additionally hauled daily from the kitchen. The following was the schedule for the use of the shower bath:

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The following buildings were identified in the southwestern part of the restricted area at Post Strasse in Finow:

- a. A two-family building, about 2 to 3 rooms. The building was occupied by a headquarters, presumably a supply headquarters. Several officers were seen entering the building. When a craftsman called at the building and asked for Captain Pavlov he was told that Pavlov was not present. The craftsman had been told by the wife of Captain Pavlov at No 47 at Pappel Allee that the captain was at the headquarters.
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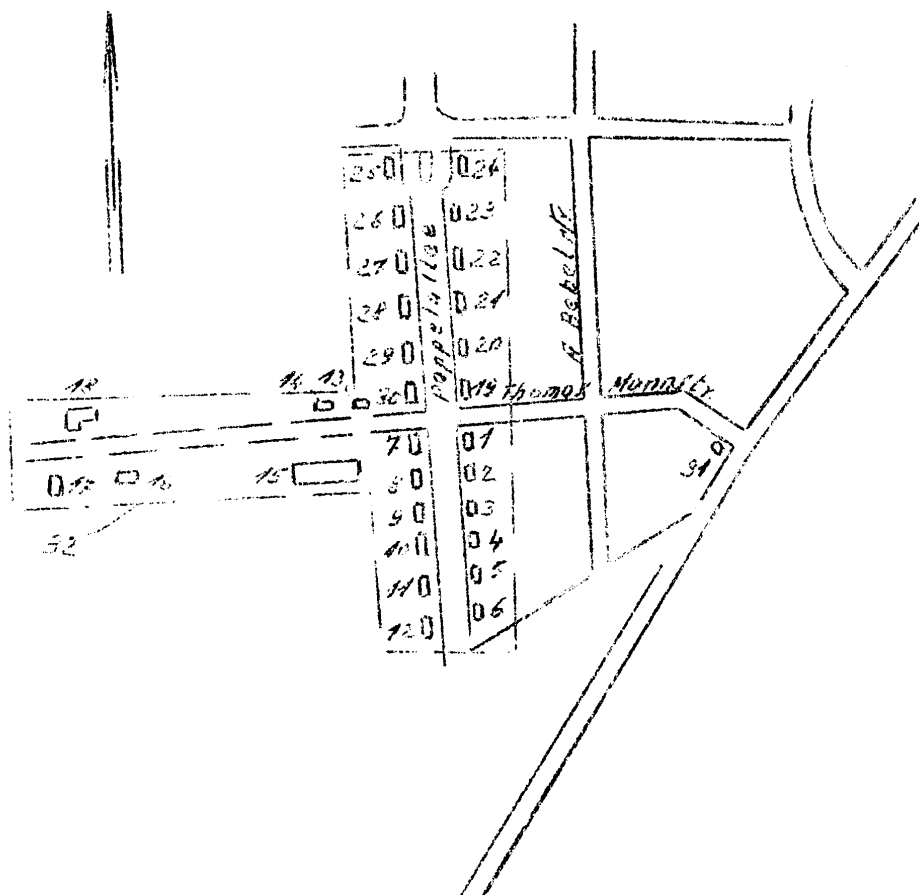
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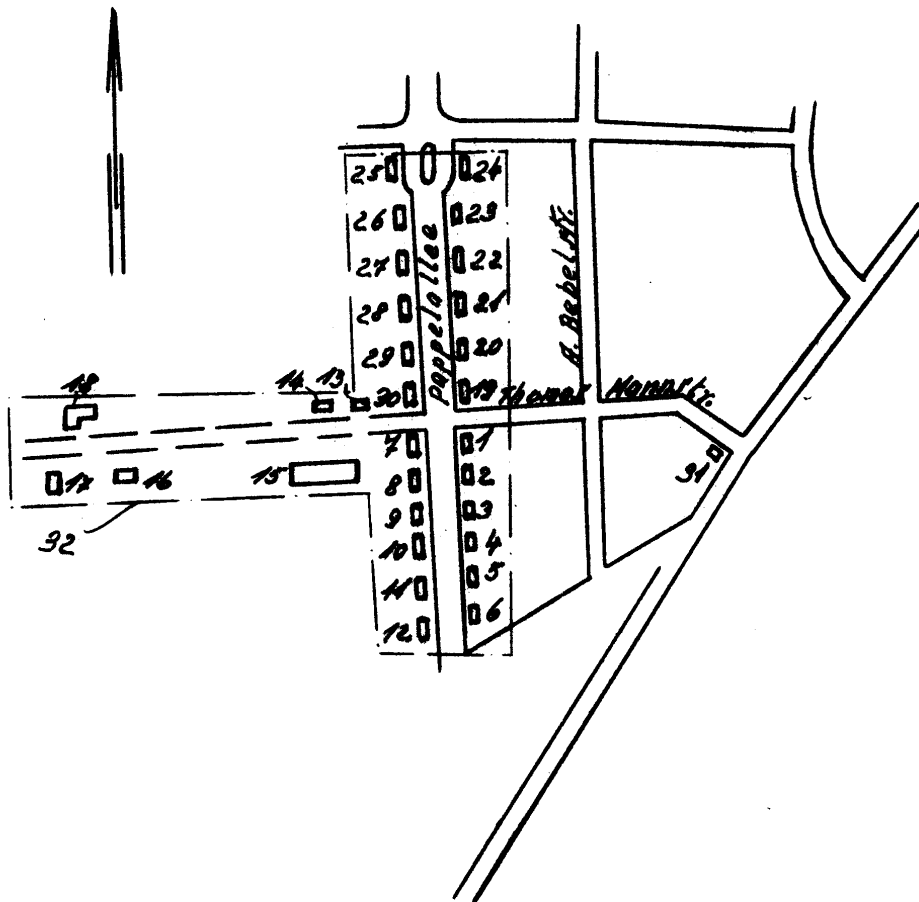
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